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One-year-old Cooper Snoddon met some lambs at the annual Haliburton County Fair. See pages 42 and 43 for more photos.

One man killed in Haliburton shooting

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The investigation continues into a shooting incident that claimed the life of 62-year-old Haliburton resident Michael Chapman on Aug. 16.

On Aug. 18, police said that Chapman was found dead at the scene and that a 40-year-old man, also of Haliburton, was in hospital and listed in stable condition. As of Wednesday, his identity had yet to be revealed. However, sources close to the

second victim's family have identified him as Ian Speare of Haliburton.

On the evening of the incident, police responded to a complaint of gunfire on Highway 118, between Glamorgan Road and Kennaway Road at around 6 p.m.

Upon arrival, they found Chapman deceased. The unnamed male – Speare – was later located and transported to hospital for treatment of his injuries. It appears that both men suffered gunshot wounds.

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Highlander news



Many questions still unanswered in shooting death

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That night, OPP tactical units, as well as an armoured vehicle, were seen headed towards the scene of the incident. The highway was closed to traffic until the next morning.

Police remained at the scene of a home at 15166 Highway 118 until Tuesday night. The area was blocked off by yellow tape and pylons were set up at the end of the driveway.

No charges have been laid at this time.

Chapman was a karate sensei who founded the Kai Shin North Branch in Haliburton in 2000. The news about his passing was posted to the group's Facebook page. However, no mention of the incident was included.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431. Anonymous tips can be phoned in to Crime

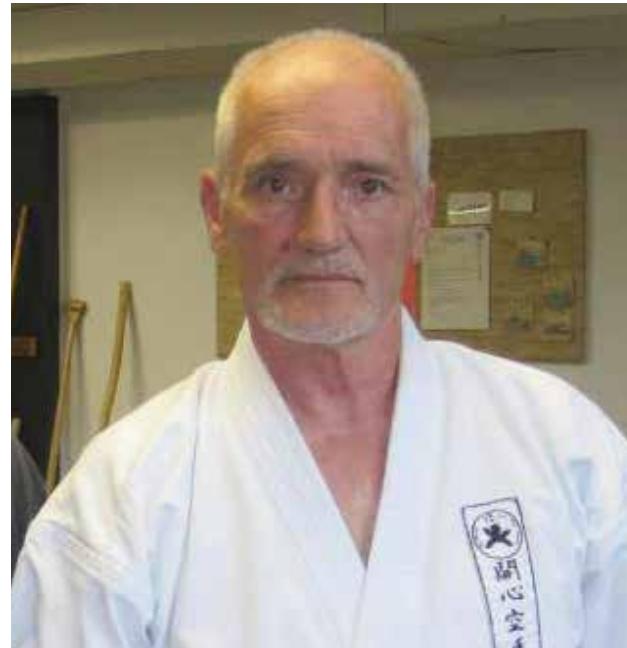


Photo by Mark Arike and from the Kai Shin Facebook page
Top: The crime scene at 15166 Highway 118 in Haliburton.
Above: Mike Chapman has been named as the deceased.

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Editorial opinion

Just the facts

The job of a reporter is to report facts.

Not rumours, hearsay or guesses. Just facts.

That's why in the last few days, you haven't heard many details from The Highlander or other local media about the shooting on Aug. 16. There just hasn't been a lot we can report as fact. Trust me, we've all been trying.

There sure have been a lot of rumours though, and they started the night of the incident.

I was returning home from Bone Lake after 10 p.m. when I heard about the shooting. My phone was blowing up with messages and phone calls from people telling me what was going on. In 10 minutes I had several versions of the story – everything from police officers and EMS workers being shot, to an eight-person massacre to a hostage situation and police standoff. One rumour even had the canine unit chasing an armed person through the woods near Glamorgan Road.

Rumours were plentiful that night and in the following days. But no one had any facts.

I rushed to the command post that was set up in Haliburton. My first move was to ask an officer if all his colleagues were ok. He looked at me, confused. I told him what I had heard and he replied that no officers or EMS had been injured as far as he knew.

So I asked three detectives across the street if maybe they knew what had happened.

They didn't know anything, they said.

I called the media representative as I was instructed to do. No answer.

A detective told me a briefing would happen soon, followed by a media report about two hours later. That was just after 11 p.m. The only information the OPP would give was that yes, there was a death investigation. Meanwhile, people were sitting on the side of the road unable to return home, tactical squads were on scene, and an armoured truck had already rolled by.

A press release – which contained almost no new information – didn't come until the next day at 1:20 p.m. The rumour mill on social media sites continued.

Without facts, people are left to make their own assumptions. That leads to misinformation, and, in the case of a shooting, misinformation leads to fear. One family cancelled a trip to the park because 'a gunman was on the loose'.

The OPP needs to be reminded that its mandate is to serve and protect the public – and that includes protection from fear. By issuing a gag order to its officers, the OPP encourages widespread misinformation, fear, and rumours like the ones we've been hearing all week. How is that accountable? How does that serve the public?

Ten years ago they could get away with being tight-lipped. But today social media makes it all-too-easy for wannabe journalists to spread false news, and sometimes, as was the case here, it hurts the community by whipping up fear and anxiety. A shooting in Dysart where one individual is dead and the other taken to hospital is no threat to families picnicking in Algonquin Highlands.

A trusted news source would have reported that. But for people to get information from us, we need the facts.

This kind of situation is happening far too often.

To this day we still don't know the real story of what happened with the Bobcaygeon killing a few weeks back, and why the OPP was so concerned with an abandoned car in Algonquin Highlands. Those facts are important when families are afraid a killer is wandering around their backyards. Is there a killer, or is there not a killer?

Only the OPP knows and they're not saying.

We aren't asking for the world. We know some things can't – and shouldn't – be reported, and we're fine with that. But we are asking for some small level of cooperation so that we can report the news.

We aren't the bad guys, remember?



By Matthew Desrosiers

The rebirth of an icon

As the iconic Pinestone Resort nears its 40th anniversary in 2016 things are hopeful towards an imminent rebirth and a return to the lofty status it once held in the Haliburton Highlands. This is not to say the resort has been a disappointment in any sort of way. More so the place has faced the sobering reality of the hospitality marketplace both here locally and within the industry at large.

Pinestone has been the bellwether when it comes to the economic climate in Haliburton County. It has led or been near the top of all industry in Haliburton. In effect the vitality of Pinestone is also the vitality of Haliburton County. One and the same. They are tied together.

This is not to overrate Pinestone's importance to this community. Anyone who knows the area knows that this resort holds a special, significant and unique place on the Haliburton landscape. It rarely competes with anyone locally simply because no businesses in the area can offer the comprehensive services and facilities Pinestone can. In effect it is in a market all to itself although at times that has been taken for granted.

It has the facilities for big conferences and events. It's acted kind of like an unofficial town hall. If you doubt that, try imagining the area without Pinestone Resort and what it would look like. Not pretty.

Therein lies the rub. While Pinestone is an industry onto itself it doesn't have the luxury of resting on its laurels simply because it has an infrastructure and a capacity well beyond most of Haliburton County. It represents what Haliburton used to be and still could be. In some ways Pinestone is too grand for the area.

When it first opened it seemed that way. Jim Gregory, Wren Blair and the team envisioned a place that is Haliburton at its finest. A place that would house hockey players from the equally iconic Haliburton Hockey Haven, adding the glamour and panache the area has always strived for. It would soon become the place to stay in Haliburton.

The issue, however, was the resort's occasional tenuous relationship with the locals. While they liked what residents could provide during the off season, they weren't really the first choice for patrons during the halcyon times. Different management regimes had different ideas of where the local citizenry

fit in. These were truly boom and bust days in the relationship.

Over time though, Pinestone came to realize that appealing to Haliburton County's residents was truly a part of the long-term equation. The seasonal

nature of the business could not discount the made-to-order clientele that resided in the area. The question then became, for the last while at least, not whether the locals were valuable to Pinestone's survival but how to best appeal to them. They simply could not survive without them nor did they want to. If you've lived in this area long enough you can be sure that you have at least one Pinestone story whether it's a wedding, a graduation dance or a Christmas party.

And so we arrive at the latest iteration of Pinestone and welcome both new ownership and new management (full disclosure: my brother is the new GM at Pinestone. While you may question my objectivity please don't question his abilities).

What we now have managing the place is new vibrant leadership and management that has one eye towards the corporate world and one ear towards the citizens of the area. In essence a full and abiding understanding of what locals mean to the long-term success of Pinestone Resort.

While most of us seem to welcome the new ownership and what it will mean to the area there is a faction among us who (possibly justifiably) are a little skeptical towards the resort's new Open Arms policy. Are they really as welcoming to local residents as they would appear to be? That truly is a question only you can answer but know this: the health of Pinestone mirrors the health of the area. One cannot exist without the other.

Pinestone also represents the ambition of the area. In lesser times the place should have closed up and moved on yet they stuck it out and re-committed to trying to make it work, and if so-called outsiders feel strong enough to support the area then we as residents should feel strongly enough to support them as well in returning a Highlands' icon to its former glory.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by John Cavers

Busy little bee.

Left behind in paradise

Jeff's left. He's gone, just like that. Hardly any word, no note, not even a goodbye hug...

Not Jeff as in Jeff the Dog, though. Not our lovable but somewhat dim-witted hound, oh no. Jeff the dog knows when he's onto a good thing, he's sticking around. He even comes back of his own accord after making an escape; something that many said he would never do. Yes, he returns filthy, almost always around dinnertime, so I guess he's not so dim after all.

No, the Jeff whose left is Jeff my carpenter workmate. Jeff's left to go work out west.

What a fracker!

Jeff's one of those super practical guys that Haliburton breeds. He could drive a tractor by the age of eight, mend a chainsaw by nine and use both to go fetch wood from the bush by the time he was 10. Jeff is the guy that you go to for advice. Advice on what type of water heater to buy, which breed of chickens to keep, what calibre of rifle to use on a moose hunt or the best way to stop your

car from stalling at every stop light – albeit his remedy for the latter would be to run the red lights around here “because there's hardly ever anything coming and I hate waiting at a stop light with an empty road in front of me!”

But Jeff's also ambitious, you see. Not the type of ambitious that will see him becoming a CEO – no, he'll always be doing something with his hands – but ambitious to get on an earn lots of money to keep his family well cared for, and so Jeff's gone out west, just like that.

And Matthew's leaving too. Another work colleague and pal of mine. You might know Matthew from reading this newspaper, especially as he's the guy who's responsible for making it all happen. That's right, Matthew the editor, he's getting out of Hali-dodge, too, and moving to the bright lights of Ottawa, to make his fortune.

Now, Matthew is very ambitious. Put it this way, he's getting married to the lovely Ashley soon, and while that's more than enough excitement for most fellows, he's decided to fast track his career, too, and

swap sleepy rural life for the raunchy, high octane buzz of urban living (well, perhaps that's going a bit far, it's Ottawa not New York but you get my drift). But he's young, you see. Young, virile and flighty – just check out his picture on page three and you can see it in his eyes! And so, onwards he and his bride to be must go, to seek their fortune.

Now me, I'm going nowhere. Love me or hate me Haliburton County, you won't be seeing the back of me. I'm all done with ambition, well, the upping and moving kind anyway. I do still have some ambition left in me: ambitions that I didn't know I even had until I moved here but they're the kind that involve catching a five-pound bass or shooting a ten-point buck. Definitely not the kind that involve packing anything more than an overnight bag and a case of beer.

You see, coming to this sleepy backwater is one of my main ambitions in life fulfilled. Moving to a place where I could have a beautiful home, set amidst even more beautiful surroundings, in a community of folk that are welcoming

TheOutsider



By Will Jones

and friendly so that I can enjoy life and raise my family happily and safely: that was my ambition and in Haliburton it is achieved.

I've done the big city and I've moved across an entire country – albeit little England, not the vast expanse of Canada – for a well-paying job. Hell, I even crossed the Atlantic Ocean in search of the quiet life, so I'm pretty much all 'ambitioned out'. And I like that feeling.

I'm a bit sad to see each of these friends of mine go, though, as much as I admire their drive. However, I know two things: both have to go because they'd be left wondering 'what if', if they stayed; and both will be back some day because this utterly beautiful, peaceful, nature-filled part of Canada gets its hooks into you and doesn't let you escape that easily.

So, farewell Jeff, farewell Matthew, for now. We'll see you again someday. And, in the meantime, where's my fishing rod and that case of beer?

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What are your plans for the upcoming academic year?*



Alisha Bishop

Haliburton

I honestly can't wait to get back! I am starting my second year at Laurentian University in the architectural program. I am going to be very busy, doing school work seven days a week.



Anna Verselis

Fergus

I'll be starting Grade 9 when I get back to school. I am really excited and looking for more of a challenge opposed to elementary school.



Kinnon Oakley

Ayr

On Mondays I am doing a part-time enrichment program when I start school. I am looking forward to track and field and also wishing for a good teacher.



Michelle Thomas

Ajax

I am going into my second year of university at UOIT in Oshawa. I am studying nuclear engineering.



Olivia Melnik

Rockwood

I'm going to have fun and learn something hopefully! I am looking forward to doing cross country running.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

This red Kia was struck by a vehicle that crossed into its lane on Highway 118 near Loon Lake Road on Aug. 16.

One charged in two-vehicle collision

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

One woman has been charged after her vehicle crossed into the oncoming lane and struck another driver.

The accident occurred on Aug. 16 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Highway 118, west of Loon Lake Road. Seventy-three-

year-old Anna Reischl was travelling westbound in her green Subaru Forester when she crossed into the eastbound lane and hit a red Kia Sorento, according to the OPP.

Both drivers sustained minor injuries and were transported to hospital.

Reischl has been charged with careless driving as a result of the incident.

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Maple Lake case highlights sewage issue

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Concerns over potential spreading of raw sewage on a field near Maple Lake could eventually contribute to changes in the practice across the province.

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association (MBC) contacted the Township of Algonquin Highlands in July to express concerns about the 25th Line Road application, citing prior experience with an older site for which the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) declined to renew a licence, and concern that the ministry is not required to notify area residents or municipalities about site applications.

Since then the MBC has contacted the province for more information and a group called Our Grandchildren Matter Too Save Maple Lake (SML) has launched a petition to block the application. The petition currently has over 900 signatures.

Both groups say that septic waste haulers provide a valuable service in the county, and in addition to their focus on this particular application, they are pushing for better options for rural sewage disposal.

Representing SML, resident Murray Adam and cottager Bill Missen said in an interview they share the MBC's concerns, including the effect field spreading could have on water quality in creeks flowing from the site to Maple Lake.

They've also learned of a new issue related to all field spreading.

"Two realtors have told us that there is already a negative impact on our real estate values," said Missen. "One told us that the moment they know that there's an application for a septic (untreated sewage) field they have to forewarn the buyer."

Haliburton Septic Pumping owner Dave Elstone has identified himself as the applicant for the 25th Line Road site. Elstone said in an interview he also owned the older site for which the licence was not renewed, and that he was told by the MOECC that the decision was made because of off-site odours.

He said he has worked with the ministry for more than two years to identify a suitable new site because the abundance of water features and bedrock makes finding a site



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Looking east along the southernmost boundary line for the proposed sewage field spreading site off 25th Line Road south of Highway 118 in Algonquin Highlands.

very difficult, "but that's why the province has these regulations."

Upon receiving MOECC approval to submit an application for this site, Elstone purchased 96 acres in May and filed an application to spread on 2.215 acres of an existing field, plus setbacks and other requirements regulated by the ministry.

Elstone noted that he immediately hired a third party to do the groundwork testing to help reassure residents that the application follows MOECC regulations, and said the ministry toured the site on Aug. 12.

Field spreading involves distributing raw sewage at 15 litres per square meter, then disking it into the ground, according to Elstone. He operates one 3,200-gallon tanker truck and said he expects to empty it two to three times daily, except during rain according to certain ministry regulations.

"People, they have concerns, and I understand that," said Elstone.

However, he said he's concerned that area residents don't have all the facts. For example, he's heard reports he will be spreading "sludge," a term he said applies to chemically

treated solids from treatment plants, not to the raw, untreated sewage he will be spreading.

The township has a fee-based disposal lagoon north of Dorset, but Elstone said paying travel and tipping expenses long-term would be more costly than buying land and spreading, and if he raised his rates he would lose business to haulers who don't use the lagoon.

Meanwhile, the township decided to seek a legal opinion on its authority regarding this site application.

According to Reeve Carol Moffatt, the opinion stated the township could require the applicant to request two amendments to township regulations. However, the Ontario Municipal Board recently ruled that bio-solids spreading is considered a permitted agricultural use, and since the township permits agricultural uses in a rural designation, the amendments will not be required.

"As a municipal council we are still attentive to the issue," said Moffatt.

Regarding the OMB ruling, "...members of council were more than a little shocked,

as I think the general public will be, to learn that human waste is considered similar to agricultural manure."

"As a municipal government, we are not going to take a stand on field spreading because municipalities have been asking the province for years to take a stand on it," she added. "Even if field spreading was banned in the province of Ontario, sure we have a lagoon, but it wouldn't be big enough."

"Actually...the public concern with this particular application, or with any application, could be a really good springboard for developing conversations around sewage issues in Haliburton County."

"[Field spreading] is the normal for up here, and it has been for over 30 years," said Elstone. "We don't have a choice here [in the county] ... Will things change? It has in other places, so I'm sure it will here eventually, but there has to be something put in place before they can do that."

"It shouldn't be up to us as haulers to have a place to put this."



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Highlander business

Pimestone under new ownership

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Pimestone Resort and Conference Centre has been sold to Aurora Hotel Group.

The resort officially changed hands just after midnight on Aug. 6, confirmed the resort's general manager John Teljeur.

"I'm very excited about the passion that the new owners are showing towards not just the resort and the people who work here, but also to the area," said Teljeur.

The new owner, Ravi Aurora, hails from Vaughan and is an entrepreneur who owns several business ventures, including an aggregate company and a hospitality division.

Teljeur said Aurora first took a look at the resort in the spring.

"They were looking at a couple of different places, from what I understand," he said.

Asked if the resort was on the market, Teljeur wasn't sure.

"I don't think the place has ever been off the market, but I don't think anything [has been] officially listed."

Vrancor Group, a company based out of Hamilton, maintained ownership of the resort since November of 2006. It was under the Delta Hotels and Resorts banner when they purchased it, but it was debranded from the



Photo by Ben Davis

The Pimestone is under new ownership chain in 2009.

Teljeur believes that the new owner was attracted to the look of the resort, what it has to offer and the feel of the community.

Located halfway between Minden and Haliburton, off County Road 21, the resort has 102 rooms, suites, villas and chalets. In addition to its amenities, the property features an 18-hole golf course.

No staffing changes have been made, but

Teljeur says there's a possibility that the team might grow.

"They're [Aurora] strongly leaning toward bringing part of their operation up here, and potentially running part of their operation right out of the resort," he explained. "So we'll need to hire some bodies to do that."

No major changes will be implemented at this time, but the GM is excited about the new owner's vision for the resort.

"They're going to put the place in an entirely different light and put some money behind making this place what it should be," he said.

Teljeur added that these recent developments likely wouldn't have been possible had Vrancor not been in the picture.

"Without them taking ownership when they did, there's a very good chance this place wouldn't be around right now to be sold."

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Meetings & Events

Aug 27 Committee of the Whole/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Sept 10 Committee of the Whole meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

THANK YOU!!!

The Township of Minden Hills would like to thank all the coaches, and parent volunteers, who dedicated their time and energy to the 2015 Youth Softball league and to the following organizations, and businesses, for their generous sponsorship:

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Public Notice

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, at their August 27th Council Meeting will consider a by-law to amend the Fees and Charges By-law.

The proposed changes include:
Schedule "C" – Fire: Outdoor Burning Fees, Responses to Motor Vehicles Accidents on Provincial Highways, Responses to all other Motor Vehicle Accidents, including Motor Vehicle Fires and Watercraft Incidents

Schedule "F" – Planning: Add fee for municipal consultation for a Renewable Energy Project greater than 10 kW but less than 400 kW and a fee for municipal consultation for a Renewable Energy Project greater than 500 kW

Housekeeping – to clarify that there is no charge for Committees of Council to use municipal facilities to host community events and fundraisers

The Council Meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. on August 27, 2015, in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

Notice of Tax Sale

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submissions is August 28, 2015 on or before 3:00 pm. Please visit <http://mindenhill.ca/tenders/> for more information or contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 201.

Notice of Tender

1. The Community Services Department is currently accepting bids for Tender No. CSD 15-006 for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) New 2015/16 Model Ice Resurfacer for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Submission deadline is August 28, 2015.
2. The Roads Department is currently accepting bids for Tender No. RDS 15-009 for the Purchase of Two (2) 4x4 Pickup Trucks for departmental operations. Submission deadline is August 31, 2015.
3. The Environmental Department is currently accepting bids for Tender No. EP015-005 for Landfill Attendant Services. Submission deadline is August 31, 2015.

ICE SKATING at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena

SCHOOL SKATING

Tuesday and Thursday
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PLEASE NOTE: This skate is specifically for the classes at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Children 10 and younger must wear a CSA helmet. Helmets are recommended for all skaters.

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PUBLIC SKATING

Wednesdays & Sundays 12pm-2pm (starting Sept 9) Cost: \$2.00

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For more information on these skate times please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhill.ca

Minden Hills Artisan Market

Saturday mornings from June 20th to September 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Rain or Shine.

Landfill Cards

Reminder that the NEW orange landfill user cards are effective August 1, 2015 at all Minden Hills landfill and transfer station locations. The green landfill user cards will continue to be accepted until September 30, 2015.

For information on these events or programs, or to volunteer, please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhill.ca

Visit www.mindenhill.ca/tenders for all current Tenders

Highlander business

Hospitality pro takes reins at Sir Sam's

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Although she has travelled the globe extensively, Tanya Raheel believes she has the best office view right in Haliburton.

On Aug. 4, the Toronto resident became general manager of Sir Sam's Inn, a year-round couple's resort which overlooks Eagle Lake.

"Nobody can beat my office view," said Raheel in a recent interview.

Raheel, who was born in Pakistan, says she has always had a deep connection and love for the hotel industry. Her father introduced her to oysters at the age of eight and by 14 she began collecting cookbooks.

"It's sort of in my blood," she said.

Raheel is a graduate of the world-renowned Les Roches International School of Hotel Management, set in the Swiss Alps of Switzerland. There she learned many valuable skills from chefs and those with prior management experience.

"The Swiss philosophy is that if you don't know how to do the most basic things, including dishwashing, you can't be a manager."

That training is what will enable her support the rest of the team when necessary.

Raheel moved to Canada two decades ago and became involved with the dot-com world. As of late she has been providing consulting services to business.

However, time and again she has drawn upon her training and skills gained from the hotel industry.

When it comes to explaining how she landed a position at the inn, Raheel describes it as a case of serendipity. For some time she has been visiting friends in the area. They planted the idea in her head of relocating to the Highlands.



Photo by Mark Arike

Tanya Raheel, the new general manager at Sir Sam's Inn, stands in front of the historic Haliburton landmark.

"They've been very insistent on me considering moving up here because it's a fabulous place to live."

She made a connection with the inn's owner, Ryan Cole, and the rest is history.

According to the inn's website, Sir Sam's Inn was once the estate of Sir Samuel Hughes, the decorated government minister who led Canada's military through the First World War. While the inn didn't open until 1979, the building dates back nearly 100 years, said Raheel.

"It has a long, very established history in this community," she pointed out.

The property features 25 rooms, a water spa, outdoor pool, tennis courts, a pub and other amenities. It's worth noting that every room includes a stunning view of Eagle Lake.

In the time that she has been at the inn, Raheel has placed her focus on streamlining operations. Her long-term goal is to "put Sir Sam's on the map in a bigger way."

"We have so many people coming up here – and it's breathtaking," she said, adding that visitors and both full-time and seasonal

residents make use of the property. "I want people to fall in love with this as much as I've fallen in love with it."

She speaks proudly of the dining room and the chef who brings his talents to the kitchen.

"It's a new menu every night. I don't know how they do it ... that's a huge feat to accomplish."

Raheel intends on relocating to the area at some point in the future. She views this opportunity as a long-term commitment.

"This isn't something that you do as a hobby. Any new venture is always a commitment, regardless of where you are," she said.

And although she might be a city girl at heart, Raheel doesn't have a problem roughing it out in the backwoods.

"I have lived in the wilderness with potential bears eating me alive," she laughed, recalling a backcountry camping trip to Algonquin Park.

To learn more about the inn, call 705-754-2188 or visit sirsamsinn.com.



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Minimum Wage Increase

Ontario is raising the general minimum wage from \$11.00 to \$11.25 per hour, effective October 1, 2015. Minimum wage rates for jobs in special categories (students, liquor servers, homeworkers) is also rising.

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Midnight Madness winners spending locally

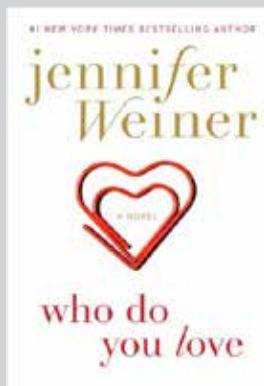
Congratulations to the Hansen family, winners of The Highlander's Midnight Madness contest. The Hansens completed a shoppers passport and entered into a draw, where they won a \$100 gift card to the participating store of their choice. They chose Haliburton Home Hardware. Matt Hansen credits his daughters for filling out the passport by visiting every participating store during Midnight Madness.

Pictured above, Home Hardware employee Krista Patterson presents the Hansens with their gift card. From left are Mary Hansen, Gayle Croswell, Styles Hansen, Melissa Hansen, Shade Hansen, Matt Hansen, and Krista Patterson.

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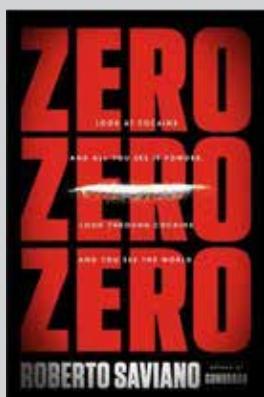
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



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1. *Who Do You Love* by Jennifer Weiner
2. *The Governor's Wife* by Michael Harvey
3. *Silver Linings: a Rose Harbor novel* by Debbie Macomber



HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Zero Zero Zero* by Roberto Saviano
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3. *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Outrage* by John Sandford (YA)
2. *Lights, Camera, Stilton!* by Geronimo Stilton (Graphic Novel)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The Longest Ride* (DVD)
2. *Badlands* by C.J. Box (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

The Haliburton County Seed Library has grown! Visit our locations in Dorset, Minden and Wilberforce to find seeds that are suited to Haliburton County. Were your plants successful? Collect the seeds and add them to the library for others to try! Join us for a workshop at our Dysart branch on Thursday, August 27 at 6 p.m. to learn how to save seeds for growing plants adapted to Haliburton County.



Photos by Sue Tiffin

The Ontario premiere of *Vinedressers*, a Canadian opera by Tobin Stokes, was preceded by dress rehearsals on August 18.

English opera debuts in Highlands

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Tobin Stokes came to Haliburton from Victoria and brought along his first opera.

The composer was in town for the Ontario premiere of *The Vinedressers*, a drama set in a winery on Pelee Island. The opera was presented by Highlands Opera Studio on Aug. 19 and will show again on Aug. 21.

"It's an easy story to understand," said Stokes. "Some people think opera is something unreachable and some high art form – this really isn't about that. And some people think new music is non-lyrical or atonal or really hard to take in, and this isn't about that either. This is a celebration of beautiful melody and a lovely love story and it all takes place right here in Ontario, so I think people will relate to the setting and what happens."

Stokes wrote the opera in 2000 while living in Victoria, and was inspired by a

newspaper story about a vineyard in Pelee Island that has the history of being the first vineyard in Canada.

"It was the perfect place to construct an opera, to set an opera," he said.

The composer said he didn't know how to go about writing an opera at first, but he wrote the words and music, enlisted the help of some friends to help produce it and the opera was presented the following year in Victoria.

Since then, Stokes said he has learned more over the years and made a few changes to *The Vinedressers* before bringing it to Haliburton.

"I've learned a little bit more about operatic singing, what works and what doesn't, and how to try to get the words out really clear," he said.

The Vinedressers is unique in that it's an English opera. Stokes said traditionally operas were written and sung in Italian or other languages, or presented with

surtitles. In the case of *The Vinedressers*, the audience can follow along with the story without relying on a synopsis.

Stokes was invited to be part of the Highlands Opera Studio season after working with artistic director Richard Margison on *Rattenbury*, another of Stokes' work. The Highlands inspire him, and he was hoping to visit the local museum to find some books on the area.

"It's a gorgeous place and I'm sure there's a ton of stories that could turn into something pretty magnificent," he said. "I'm definitely thinking about it. I think there are some real opportunities to tell the stories of an area. It's something I really enjoy doing in my choir pieces, my orchestral pieces and now in my opera pieces."

The Vinedressers is presented by the Highlands Opera Studio at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Aug. 21 at 8 p.m.

Highlander arts

What's Up

The most beautiful event in the Highlands



By George Farrell

To my mind the most beautiful event in the Highlands, visually and conceptually, is the annual Festival of the August Moon which takes place on the Gull River in Minden. It occurs every August when the moon is full. This year the date is Saturday the 29th.

Unlike the Canada Day celebrations on the Gull which are fun, raucous and loud, the Festival of the August Moon is more lyrically poignant, symbolic and artistic.

"It's based on the traditional Japanese Obon Festival which looks back on the past year and celebrates the lives of those friends and loved ones who have departed," says event creator and organizer Marc Shroetter. "And it's a way to come together as a community to be part of a beautiful ceremony."

The highlight of the event occurs at dusk, when the full moon is on the rise. At that time people who have previously made colourful Japanese lanterns set them on the surface of the Gull River. The lanterns which are lit from within by tea candles, are then carried gently downstream on the river current.

"When you watch the lanterns go downstream with the full moon in the night sky, serenity ensues. It's a magical feeling. It's where life, the end of life, nature and art come together," says Shroetter.

While the releasing of the lanterns is the climax there are many other happenings which take place during the day which significantly contribute and enhance the meaning of the floating lanterns. Most of the daytime events take place on the beautifully manicured lawns in front of the stately Wild Swan B&B Inn at 65 Invergordon Avenue, the road which runs alongside the Gull River.

The daytime events start at 3 p.m. and include Japanese children's games, face painting with Melissa Alfonso, origami making, a wishing pond, zen garden, tea ceremony, Japanese flower arranging with Sophia Tink and tai chi demonstrations. Japanese food dishes catered by the Wild Swan will be available starting at 4:30 in the afternoon.

The painting of the lanterns, parasols, fans and masks will be ongoing from 3-8 p.m. There will also be a demonstration of traditional Japanese dancing from 6:15-7:15 in the evening. The lantern launching will take place at approximately 7:45.

Now in its fifth year the Festival of the August Moon has grown each year. This year there will be a special Festival Eve Performance which will take place on Aug.

28 at Nature's Place, which is located on the grounds of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The Festival Eve Performance features Noriko Yamamoto who has performed internationally and throughout Japan as a dancer, choreographer, mime, clown and actor. Her Minden performance will include mime, dance, and silent storytelling.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of us to see Ms. Yamamoto and the artistic forms at which she excels.

"How exceptional it is to have her come here," Shroetter exudes. While attendance at the Festival of the August moon is free there is a charge for the Festival Eve performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and can be obtained at Nature's Place.

For those interested in making and decorating happy coats (lightweight cotton jackets worn during Japanese festivals), there is a workshop which takes place on Aug. 26 in the Cultural Centre. There is a \$25 fee for the workshop and those interested need to pre-register by calling Kay Millard at 705-286-6635. All other inquiries about the Festival can also be directed to Kay.

So as you can see there is a lot to see and do at this year's Festival of the August Moon. The inclusion of the children's games, the food, the making of lanterns and the performances are all to do with community involvement which is so essential to the climax of the event.

"It's all about telling your own story through using your hands, painting the pictures and arranging the flowers," Shroetter says. He likes to quote famed American artist Georgia O'Keefe who said "I could say things with colours and shapes I couldn't say any other way – things I had no words for."

We are often tongue-tied trying to find the right words when a loved one has passed, and often we seek solace in our friends and community. That is what makes the festival so poignant; the day-to-evening symbolism of life and death culminating with the floating lanterns of remembrance. A few tears might be shed but we take away the innate knowledge that life goes on.

"It's spiritual nourishment that you can't get from technology," Shroetter says. "We are like lanterns in the journey of life itself and the participation in their making is liberating."

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Highlander arts

Band Four of a Kind records first CD

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

One learned how to play guitar from local musician Lloyd Madill. One sang in public school competitions in the 50s and 60s. One has been playing guitar since she was 16 and played "Divorce" at a wedding. And one would still prefer singing with her back to the audience.

They're Linda Robertson, Wendy Connelly, Donna Lee McKnight and Connie Sawyer, and together they've called themselves Four of a Kind. The four women are a group of musicians born and raised in Minden who have been performing in nursing homes and at jamborees for years. Now they're preparing to release a CD at the Country Music Jamboree in Coboconk on Sept. 13.

"Somebody told us, 'you four girls need to make a CD together,'" said Robertson. "So we did."

Robertson and Connelly make up the Country Hot Flashes, a group that has been performing together since about 2000. They've hosted the Country Music Jamboree in Kinmount, then Minden and now at the Coboconk Legion for more than half a decade. The popular music showcase is packed with regulars, some who line up two hours before the Jamboree begins in order to get a seat. McKnight and Sawyer are passionate Jamboree-goers as well who have taken to the open mic style stage over the years.

"We just love the music, the country music,"

said McKnight. "There's only one kind of music."

When a Jamboree fan suggested the four well-known musicians make a CD together, the women couldn't resist.

"Someone said to me, 'when you sing, and Linda does harmony, that's like putting the cream in the coffee,'" said Sawyer.

The women connected with Todd Nolan, a production manager and audio engineer who runs Nolan Productions Studio in Kirkfield, Ontario. Nolan helped to arrange studio musicians for the women to back them up with instruments including fiddle, mandolin, steel guitar and keyboards. The women then sat down to the sometimes difficult task of choosing which songs to include on the CD, while encouraging each other and recommending which songs might be a good fit.

"It was a hard job even getting down to five songs each, nevermind three," said Connelly.

Then, they travelled together to Kirkfield this year to record in the studio individually, and gathered for a listening party when the CD was ready.

"It's hard to believe when you hear it for the first time," said Robertson.

"It was mind-blowing for me," said Sawyer. "I could feel myself going that way before we even got there to listen to it. We were just emotional when we got to hear it for the first time."

"We all were," said McKnight. "We all needed tissues."



Photo by Sue Tiffin

From left: Donna Lee McKnight, Connie Sawyer, Linda Robertson and Wendy Connelly hold the product of their group effort - Four of a Kind's first CD.

The women enlisted Ian Brohm to take photos of them, and said they had such a fun day preparing for the photo shoot by sprucing up their hair and makeup.

"We teased [Brohm] that he was probably telling all his friends he had to spend the afternoon with four old ladies," said Connelly.

When the women are together, it seems like every day is fun. They laugh and tease each other, and joke about the billboards and Nashville concerts that they're destined to have once the CD is released. They hope local businesses might sell the CD for them, and

plan on performing concerts locally and at upcoming jamborees.

"At this stage in our life, it's pretty awesome to have this kind of stuff happen," said Robertson. "It makes you think, 'why didn't I do this 30 years ago?' But we didn't have the time then."

Four of a Kind will be featured on Canoe Radio with Pat and Jeff on Aug. 22. The Country Music Jamboree is held on the second Sunday of each month from 1-5 p.m. The Four of a Kind CD release party will be held on Sept. 13.

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Highlander life

Festival banners fly over Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Each year, rather than painting the town red, the Minden Hills Festival of Banners committee welcomes residents to paint it any colour they'd like.

The committee has been organizing the annual banner festival since 2006, and now festival chair Deborah Lyons is looking to pass the torch to a new organizer.

"For me, it has been seven years," said Lyons. "I've organized it because I have pride in Minden. I do think it'd be great if some new people came along to help."

Lyons is proud of the festival, an initiative of a volunteer organizing committee who assembled to help brighten up the facade of the town. She knows the stories behind several of the banners, and has the materials necessary to organize it each year carefully stored in the backroom of her store, Organic Times.

"We wanted to improve the look of the town – to clean it up, and pretty it up," she said. "We start with a bolt of fabric and it becomes a beautiful banner."

The festival process begins in March, when residents are invited to propose their artwork idea suited to a theme. Themes of the past include a Minden history theme, and a nursery rhyme theme. This year's theme is 'Let the Games Begin' in honour of the Pan Am Games.

There are 40 banner spaces for adults and 27 spots for children. The spaces stretch



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Above: The banners along Bobcaygeon road add colour to the town. Right: Deborah Lyons, chair of the Minden Hills Festival of Banners, stands proudly with the banner painted by her husband that features her son.

along Bobcaygeon Road and down along the Gull River. Each year, the number of entries is so great that judges have a difficult time determining which banners to choose. Artists whose banners are approved meet at the Minden Cultural Centre to lay their work down on a maquette.

"It has given a lot of people a sense of pride, and a sense of community," said Lyons. "Especially the kids – they really feel they've become part of the community once their banner is up. And it has given some children the feeling that they can do anything, and accomplish anything."

The banners are hung on the May long weekend, and come down again in October. They are then auctioned off at the Cultural

Centre. Lyons said one banner sold for \$100.

"It depends on if there is a banner that is meaningful to someone in some way," she said. "There are definitely banners that mean something to someone."

In the past, artists have painted their great aunt's cook stove as part of the history theme, and her own husband painted their son in his painting that hangs near her store.

"What I really wish is that people enjoy the banners, that people enjoy that the banners are up," she said.

Most importantly, Lyons wanted to stress the importance of participation in the festival, which is suited to anyone regardless of artistic ability.

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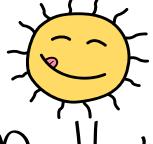
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Highlander life



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Chris Smith was one of five musicians included in the lineup. Right: Gary Pike, the driving force behind The Kennisis Kure, gets the bids going in the silent auction.

Dixon and others perform at The Kennisis Kure

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Musicians put on a show at the home of Bev and Gary Pike at the first annual The Kennisis Kure fundraiser on Aug. 15. The event raised over \$15,000 for the new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital and prostate cancer research.

"The people from the town have rallied around this," said Pike, who hosted a similar event at his home on Kennisis Lake last year with proceeds going to breast cancer.

This year, Pike said he anticipated 300-400 guests.

The event included dinner, live and

silent auctions, and performances by Chris Smith, Michael Feagen, Oscar Anderson, Ken Harris and Carl Dixon. A special presentation was made by cancer specialist Dr. Michael Jewett.

Prior to last year's concert, local resident Gord Higgins welcomed people into his home for dinner in exchange for a donation. The funds supported a group of local women who participated in a cancer walk for the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Higgins's late wife, Christine, was part of the team but lost her battle to the disease in May of 2014.

"This year we decided that palliative care

was important and also the cancer was important," he said.

Pike would like to see the fundraiser

become "the event of Haliburton," with different causes benefitting from its success.

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Stressful incantations

I have been stressing out about college for the last three weeks.

From the smallest things like getting my textbooks to getting the timing right for my computer upgrades and all things in between, I am overwhelmed! I am suddenly focused on the fact that I will be far away from everyone. I know that if I need help I am at least two hours away and that seems like a very long time to me. Thankfully I will have a phone, text and email, but somehow that isn't offering me much comfort now.

Aside from all of that, I am worrying about money for my second year of college and how I will fund myself while I am at college. I am worried about being left in town (Belleville) when I go grocery

shopping because I missed the return bus to the college. I have a back-up plan if that happens. I will always carry enough cash to take cab, but what if I can't find a cab?

I am setting a schedule for my classes, and the unexpected general education courses I have to take for three semesters have no seemingly redeeming qualities pertaining to my job decision. All of this is on top of the fact that I will have to work harder than I have worked on anything in my life, because I want to get the best grades possible to ensure good job choices that pay well, while also learning as much as I can about the practical application of my classes. I don't like to be stressed out, and I get stressed out way too much!

College costs stress me out. When new announcements happen for video games that I want to purchase, I get stressed out. I can see my wallet convulsing on the floor in fear. I don't need stress in my life. I mean, I can see my hair falling out as it is.

Now all joking aside, stress plays a huge part in my life and I have seen what stress can do. High stress days for some can cause major issues (sudden blackouts and difficulty breathing, alongside massive headaches being but a few), but I think sometimes stress is there to tell us something. Stress is like God picking you up by your feet and shaking you saying "you're not doing something right, but I'm not going to tell you what it is you're doing wrong," and

then disappears leaving you more confused than when you were just doing your own thing.

That is a sign to sit down, breathe deeply and figure out what you really need to be focusing on and channel your energy in that direction.

I know this is not easy and sometimes we need help realizing that we have little or no control over some things, so we should just focus on the things that we are able to control and hopefully the rest will fall into place. So in the grand scheme of things, stress is partly a guideline and partly a warning sign, but we all have to deal with it, so deal with it the best way you can.



By Austin McGillion



Best wishes for two Highlanders

Ben Davis (left) and Austin McGillion are leaving The Highlander at the end of the summer to pursue their post-secondary educations. Ben joined The Highlander this past winter through his high school co-op and was retained through the summer to work in marketing and sales support. His impact in the office was felt immediately and he's been an instrumental part of the team for the past six months. Ben will be attending St. Lawrence College in Kingston this September to study marketing. Austin is The Highlander's youngest columnist. His column, Through My Eyes, has provided an open look at the life of an autistic teenager. It has created awareness in the community about Asperger's Syndrome and frequently receives positive responses from our readers. In September, Austin will attend Loyalist College in Belleville to study radio. We all wish you both the best of luck in your studies. Congratulations and work hard!

- The Highlander staff



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Highlander life

GeoTour rockets to top spot in Canada

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

The Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour is proof that if you build it, they will come.

The scavenger hunt tour, set throughout seven hamlets in Highlands East, is now number one in Canada.

"It's gone over far better than we've ever dreamed or hoped," said GeoTour organizer Mary Barker. "It's been a lot of fun."

The Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour consists of 100 caches, or spots in which geocaching participants can find treasures. The treasures are often hidden in places that might be of interest to people exploring the area, and can be found using GPS coordinates.

The scavenger hunt game is popular worldwide, with more than 2.5 million caches hidden around the world. Though many caches are generally single finds, the Geocaching Capital of Canada joins the caches in the area to provide a custom tour which showcases many locations. There are 59 such tours around the world, and the Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour is in sixth place after being launched just three months ago. Barker estimates the caches have been visited about 7,000 times.

In order to place, GeoTours must accumulate favourite points which help increase their standing. People who

play the geocaching game are called geocachers. It's free to play, but some are premium members of the Geocaching.com website and can award a favourite point to one cache they deem as being exceptional after every 10 caches visited.

The Highlands East GeoTour had been awarded 2,181 favourite points at press time, propelling them to first place over a tour in British Columbia by exactly 300 points.

"People are amazed, they're just hooked on it," said Barker.

Barker works at Agnew's General Store, a sort of headquarters for the GeoTour. She has seen hundreds of people doing the GeoTour, and can help those who are unfamiliar to the game with a package that contains everything needed to explore the area. She tells tales of grandparents who have included a fishing break in a day of geocaching with grandkids, and of a school principal who became hooked on the game even in a thunderstorm recently. Barker even met a woman who was a sort of ultimate geocacher – the woman had found more than 8,000 caches. She was at Agnew's the day a family new to the game set out on the tour.

"She said, 'I feel sorry for anyone who starts with this one, they'll be very disappointed when they cache elsewhere,'" said Barker.

Other guests – some who came from Europe and visited the GeoTour after



File photo

This group of geocachers helped launch the tour earlier this year.

seeing Niagara Falls – have exuberant reviews for it.

"How absolutely fantastic is this," said one cacher. "Everyone should run, not walk, to this superb caching adventure."

"I've had such a great time doing the series I'm disappointed there are no more," said another. "I can't say enough about the tour and the quality, variety or enjoyment value of the caches."

Barker said the tour has impacted the area greatly, as people doing the tour come to stay, eat in the local restaurants and visit the shops.

"Over three or four days of seeing them running around, you get to feel you know them well," she said.

Along with other organizers, Barker works hard to promote and nurture the GeoTour, including maintaining the caches to ensure they aren't damaged by weather, wildlife or unsuspecting non-gamers. This resulted in a few stings recently when she helped to blast hornets away from one of the caches, but it doesn't stop her from having a passion for the game, and for the local GeoTour.

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Highlander life

'Thoughtful' donations appreciated at thrift shops

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Each morning, a troop of volunteers is greeted by a mountain of donations at the Lily Ann Thrift Store. The volunteers roll up their sleeves and get started on the colossal task of sorting through clothes, housewares and books.

Ideally the items are gently worn or still functioning. But often that's not the case. Instead, a lot of the donations are broken, stained, ripped, and clearly not reusable.

And so every afternoon, after sorting is finished, the volunteers at the Lily Ann cart a number of bags back outside to be taken to the dump.

"We've had boxes and bags full of clothes that smell or are dirty," said Leslie Chumbley, assistant store manager at the Haliburton-based thrift store. "Sometimes I think people think, 'we'll just drop this at the Lily because the dump's not open today.'"

Chumbley said it can be surprising to see what people have dropped off, including board games with missing pieces, mouldy clothes and once even a bag full of what appeared to be trash. The thrift store doesn't accept furniture donations but one day Chumbley arrived at work to find a bunk bed directly in front of the sign that says furniture donations aren't accepted. Volunteers are often worried they might reach into a bag and suffer an injury due to broken pieces of appliances.

"We've opened so many things and thought, 'what were they thinking?'" she said. "I like

to give the benefit of the doubt, though, and hope they just dropped the wrong bag off here on the way to the dump."

Joanne Barnes, manager at the Minden Community Food Bank, echoed Chumbley's thoughts and said she didn't think people were intentionally dropping off food that is sometimes up to seven or eight years past the best before date.

"To me, if it's garbage, I would be throwing it in the dump," she said. "I think people are donating not having checked it."

Barnes and food bank chairperson Marilynne Lesperance said it's not uncommon to receive full bags of food that are long expired. It can be disappointing to volunteers to receive a large shipment of donations that are unusable.

"When we have food from people who have cleared out estates, we never know what we'll get," said Barnes. "Granny might have had that tin of food for 10 years."

A local farmer visits the food bank to pick up donations that are long past the expiry date. The farmer has a few pigs who benefit from the donations that might not be safe for human consumption but are still adequate as animal feed. Recently a bag of buckwheat flour was cooked into pancakes for the pigs.

"That eliminates an extra bag of stuff that would go to the dump. We don't waste," said Barnes. "And the pigs don't mind, sometimes they get a variety of things. They really live high on the hog."

Sorting through the bags at the Lily Ann is a

time-consuming job, one the volunteers begin at 9 a.m. and finish at around 2 p.m., six days a week.

"Each day we do what we can, and the next day picks up where we left off," said Chumbley.

She stresses that the most useable donations at the thrift store are those that are good quality. Full sets of dishes are popular, whereas single mugs don't sell well. Children's clothing is always needed.

The Lily Ann doesn't have the facilities to clean or even store clothing, so volunteers appreciate when donations are in-season. Winter clothing received in the summer is generally donated to the Diabetes Society, which picks up the unusable bags.

Chumbley said there's often a perception that because something might be for the poor, it doesn't matter what the condition it's in. She said that's simply not true, and stressed the Lily Ann is able to give back to the community with greater sales.

"We appreciate the donation, but if it's not something you would use or wear yourself, we probably can't sell it," said Chumbley.

"We only want the best for Haliburton. We might have low prices, but we still have good quality stuff."

Lesperance and Barnes echoed the sentiment that people feel those in a dire financial situation might not care what they are consuming.

"People will think, 'oh, the poor will eat it,'" said Lesperance.

"That's the way it used to be. There's a misconception, people

think food bank clients walk through the door full of bravado and load up. But we generally supply people who are the working poor with three to five days of food, and that's all. You really have to leave your self-respect at the door. It's hard to come in here."

Far from the days when only overly processed pasta was available at food banks, Barnes said modern food banks offer choice including gluten-free foods and whole wheat with additional fibre added options. Volunteers encourage clients to try new recipes using items like chickpeas. There's a wide variety of food available on the shelves and in the freezers, but all of it well within the expiry date.



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Dorothy Howat sorts through the trash and treasures that are donated to the Lily Ann each week. Volunteers appreciate the generosity of the public but hope donations are suitable for their customers.



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Highlander life

Magical festival returns for fifth year

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

What started as a one-time event in 2010 is now heading into its fifth year on the Gull River.

On Aug. 29, residents and visitors will gather in Minden to witness and participate in the spectacle that is the Festival of the August Moon.

"A lot of people have supported it," said event organizer Marc Shroetter.

When Shroetter was first approached to create an event for the Make It Minden series, he took a look at the Logger's Bridge and came up with the idea.

"I looked at the bridge and it reminded me of a Chinese moon bridge," he said.

The event is inspired by Toro Nagashi, a longstanding Japanese tradition in which candle-lit lanterns are released into the river during the last evening of the Bon Festival. It is believed that the floating lanterns help guide the spirits of the departed back to the other world.

"Up here there's a strong link to homesteading and family, and people come back to visit their roots here. I thought that would be a wonderful way to take that in and make it as an example of how they do it in another culture," explained Shroetter.

He also thought it would be a good way to encourage use of the bridge and the Riverwalk, and show the public how art can be used as a form of self-expression.



Photo by Mark Arike

Staff from Boatwerks in Minden and other volunteers wrangle a few lanterns in the Gull River during a test run for the upcoming Festival of the August Moon.

The festivities will begin at 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast. Up until the launching of the lanterns, visitors will have the opportunity to purchase and paint their very own lantern for a minimum donation of \$5. The funds are essential to the continuation of the festival in future years.

"That's the only way we can keep this thing going, by the buying of the lanterns."

About 200 lanterns will be launched into the river around 7:45 p.m.

Some of the other attractions will include

traditional Japanese folk dances, face painting and a Tai Chi demonstration.

Preceding this year's event, an evening performance featuring mime and dancer Noriko Yamamoto will be held on the lawn of the Wild Swan on Aug. 28. A happy coat workshop will also take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

Shroetter wants everyone to experience the magic of the festival for a few reasons.

"[It's] a way to get introduced to another culture and also a way to incorporate your

creativity in a nice, communal atmosphere. It helps the spirit."

He plans to continue being involved on an annual basis provided the event can be held at the same venue.

In the past, anywhere between 200-500 people have attended the festival, he said.

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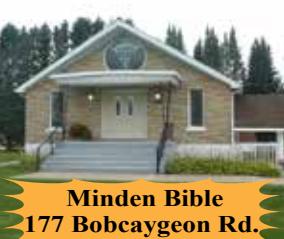


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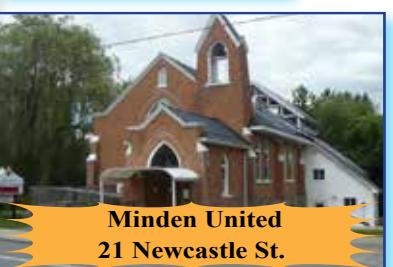
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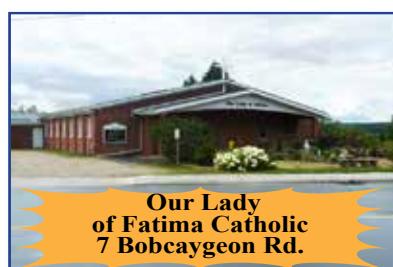
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Above: Geoff Hodgson swims to the finish at Head Lake Park after a 15km trek from Ingoldsby. Right? Hodgson emerges from the water to applause for his efforts.

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It took Geoff Hodgson six hours to swim from Ingoldsby to Head Lake Park, but it was all worth it.

Hodgson's 15 kilometre swim on Aug. 15 was his way of raising awareness and money to save rhinos from poachers.

"[I was] swimming for Rhinos Without Borders to help the plight of the rhino," said Hodgson minutes after finishing his swim. "There's a huge problem with rhinos and poaching. In 10 years' time there will be no more rhinos on this planet unless we do something."

He said the swim received overwhelming support, with his story being picked up by local and national media.

Swimming for rhinos

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

"If we can just get a few people to think about rhinos and put pressure on the powers that be, it's a good thing."

Hodgson is 45 years old and hails from South Africa. In an earlier interview with The Highlander, he said if what was happening to rhinos was instead happening to pandas, the world would be up in arms.

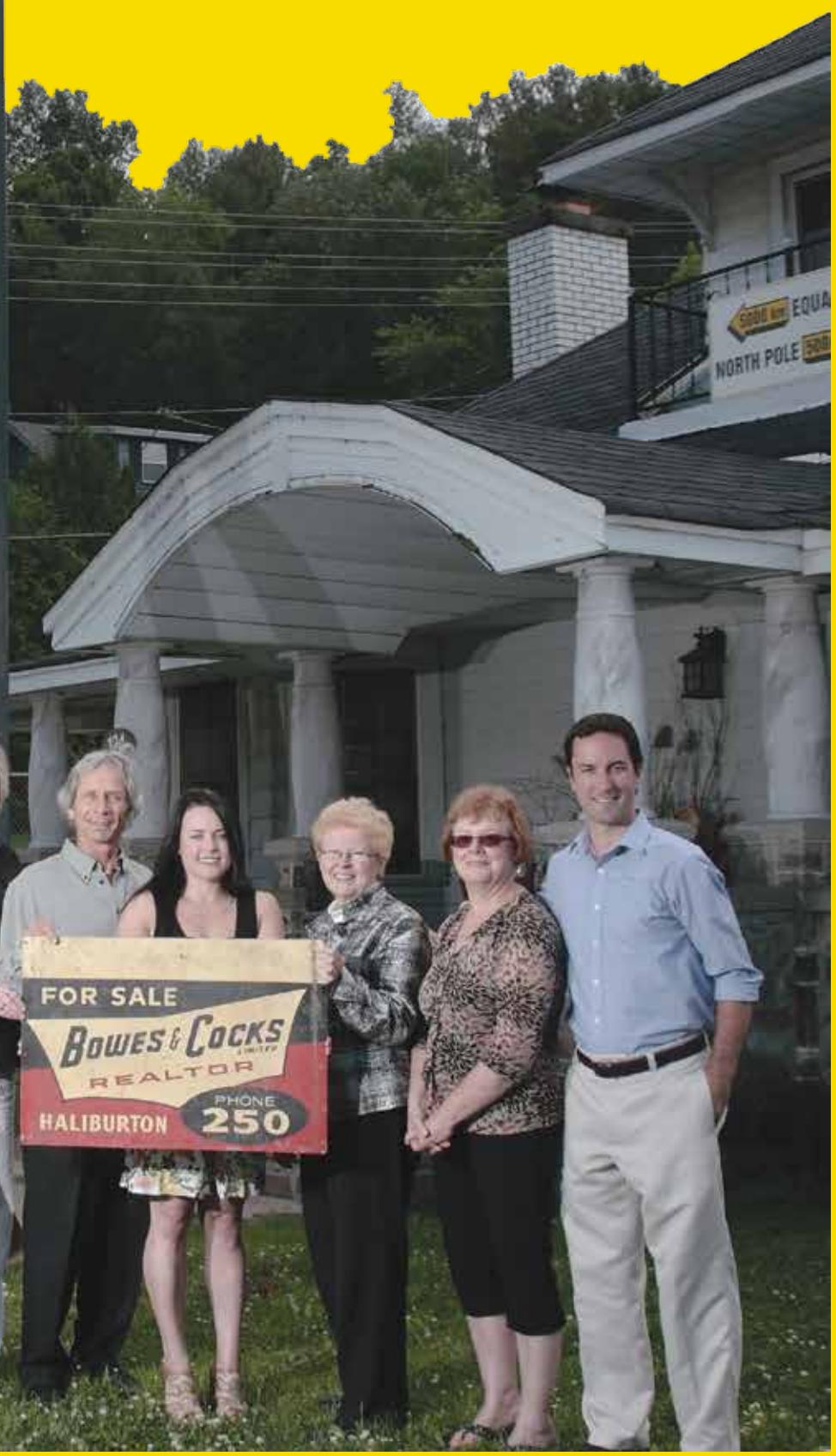
"In the last three years, rhino poaching has gone up about 1,000 per cent," Hodgson said. "It's something that's getting completely out-of-hand. If we don't change it in our lifetime, we're going to see the extinction of rhinos in the wild."

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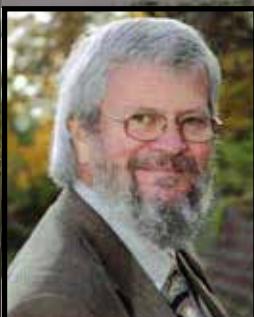
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Students at the Haliburton Hockey Haven run through some skating drills at A.J. LaRue Arena.

Hockey Haven scores

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Troy Binnie does not want to get off the ice.

So when the opportunity to buy Haliburton Hockey Haven came up six years ago, the retired pro hockey player took it.

"My kids say, 'Dad, you'll never get off the ice,'" said Binnie. "And it's true. I'm doing exactly what I love to do in summer. I get to hang out on the ice and then get back to the cottage."

When the former NHLer bought the camp, he said there were 30-40 kids using it two weeks a year. He wanted to restore it to the glory it saw 30 years ago and initiated a 10-year program to achieve his goal. But with 500 kids already now attending the camp throughout eight weeks of the year, he said he's only two more years away from the ultimate success of 1,000 kids attending.

And it seems the kids don't want to get off the ice, either.

They come from throughout Ontario to visit the camp, hone their skills, and have some fun. The mornings are dedicated to hockey drills and scrimmages at the A.J. LaRue arena, where the kids get to work with instructors including former hockey players who Binnie said have an 'infectious' love of the game. In the afternoon, they head back to the camp on Bark Lake for canoeing, fishing and camp fires.

The camp gives the kids a chance to practice in the summer, an advantage Binnie said likely helped to boost the game of local NHLers like Cody

Hodgson and Matt Duchene.

"There was summer ice always available to them for training," he said. "The more ice time you get, the better you're going to be."

Binnie credits the township with renovating the arena and providing great ice even throughout the summer months.

"Renovating that ice is the best thing to happen to Haliburton," he said. "It doesn't generate anything if it's not in use."

Haliburton Hockey Haven campers take to the ice in July and August, and work with instructors like Joe McTamney, the Haven's hockey director. Binnie and McTamney have been friends for more than 30 years, when they first met playing in the OHL. Campers have also had the chance to learn from Wendel Clark and Bernie Nicholls. Binnie said having higher end instructors gives everyone an experience that can't be found elsewhere.

Local Highland Storm players attend the camp at a reduced local rate, and the Haliburton Hockey Haven helps support six to 10 players through sponsorship.

When the day is over, Binnie goes back to his cottage on Salerno Lake, which he bought before his first house at the age of 22. He hopes to make the move permanent from his home in Aurora one day, but for now – like so many of the campers he sees – he enjoys a summer that blends training with relaxation.

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Highlander sports



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Haliburton's Nick Emsley took the lead from the start of the second stage in this year's Crank the Shield race. He finished third overall in his age group.

Emsley takes third in Crank the Shield

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

After seven hours of racing over two days, and over 125 kilometres travelled, Nick Emsley was a little tired. But he couldn't help smiling after finishing third overall in his age group at this year's Crank the Shield race.

"It was a good event," he said. "I'm happy with the result."

Day 1 of the race kicked off at Haliburton Forest on Aug. 15.

"The first day was muddy, it had rained the night before," said Emsley. "It made the trail really rough. Some spots were super muddy, having to walk up some hills because

you can't get traction. It's tiring, makes you exhausted. It was one of those days you have to grind her out, make it through."

From the Forest, racers travelled around Fort Irwin before making their way into Sir Sam's to end the first leg. Emsley finished in four hours, 20 minutes and 40 seconds.

"I lost my water bottle about 10k in," he said. "Not sure how it popped out. I had to race with one bottle for an hour, then didn't have any water for 45 minutes and dehydrated myself. I drank a whack of water and I think I drank too much. I started getting cramps, and every bump I hit was like a knife stabbing me in the stomach."

"I managed to make it," he said with a grin.

Emsley headed into Day 2 placed third in his age group, and seventh among all racers. The leg started at Sir Sam's and made its way back to the Forest.

"Day 2 was way better," he said. "I was way stronger, didn't have any cramps... I had a strong start and led Sir Sam's out."

His plan, after a good recovery overnight, was to set the pace high and challenge the other competitors to keep up.

"I figured I'd set the pace," he said. "I felt strong and recovered well, surprisingly. I had some fast guys, so when we hit the road sections it was fast paced all along."

"It was a really good fight. It was a fast day." The second leg was completed by Emsley in

three hours, 11 minutes and 59 seconds, again placing him in third.

"That distance is hard," he said. "It pushes you."

He's happy with his third place finish in the men's under 30 division, and said it's an improvement on his race from last year. Among all 120 racers, Emsley finished fifth.

Despite the tiring race, Emsley's summer of competition is far from over. Coming up in the next couple of weeks is the Ontario Cup championships, followed by four straight weekends of marathon races. Emsley said the key to his success during the busy schedule will be to recover well after each race.



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TORC races push the limits of small craft

By Matthew Desrosiers

Editor

The white flag is up. A group of racers, kneeling in their boats, circle the starting line waiting for their moment. As the clock runs down to zero, they gun their engines and take their shot, each trying to hit the starting line at just the perfect moment, going top speed.

And then, in a flash, the race is on.

That's but a taste of what spectators have to look forward to, as the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) takes to Head Lake Park for a weekend of high-speed boat racing.

"For our starts, unlike a lot of sports, we do a running start," said TORC president Rob Dixon. "The idea is to hit that starting line as the clock hits zero. If you're early, you get disqualified for jumping the gun. If you're late, chances are you're not going to end up with a very good finish. Timing of the start is a big challenge for the racers."

He said the races are exciting.

"It should be a good show, and I think anybody that's there spectating will be impressed when you take in the size of the motor and how fast they go," Dixon said.

There are 13 different classes competing on the weekend, and the boats will range in speeds from 35 miles per hour to a blistering 80-95mph in the modified classes.

"That'll be something. A lot of the classes aren't really noisy, but some of them do make some noise."

The Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races happen this weekend, Aug. 22-23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Head Lake. Dixon said it's the first time the races have been in the Highlands since the 60s.

"Outboard racing basically started back in the early 50s," he said. "[TORC] did a race here, from one of our historians, on Head Lake, back in the 60s. A lot of people would never have remembered that."

The outboard races started as an alternative to the more expensive onboard boats. Dixon said it was easier to place small outboard motors on smaller boats. Mercury got on



Photo submitted by Barb Hammond

The outboard powerboats range in speed from 30-95mph in some of the modified classes.

board and started to produce motors specially designed for the outboard races, and the sport took off from there.

Although its popularity has petered off, in recent years outboard races have experienced a revival. Between TORC and the Ottawa Valley Club, they have almost 100 members.

"It's starting to come back," Dixon said. "There are quite a few areas down in the [United] States where it's big, and in Canada, we have those two clubs."

TORC members race seven to nine weekends out of the year, on average. Some of the members compete more often, and travel to the United States to compete.

Outboard racing is unique in that racers try to keep a cushion of air under their boat at all times. If they need more, then lean back in the boat. If they need less, they move forward. Dixon calls it a balancing act to control the boat and to get top speed. He said racers will only keep two to three inches of the back of the boat in contact with the water.

"The challenge is to balance it to the point you don't get a gust of wind and blow the thing backwards. It's a balancing act."

Despite the high speeds and exciting races, for Dixon, the main attraction of the sport is its friendly, family atmosphere.

"The biggest thing with these races is that it's grassroot boat racing," he said. "A lot of it is family interaction."

Dixon used to race motorcycles and teams were primarily made up of fathers and sons. But in outboard racing, often the mothers get involved too.

"With this sport, everybody's there. Mothers, a lot of the time they're working in the judges stand and helping out doing things. The kids,

fathers, grandparents, it seems to be a family orientated sport."

And it's relatively inexpensive, too. New racers can get into the sport, with all their equipment, for under \$8,000 if they buy used machines.

Combined with the friendly attitude of the racers to one another, Dixon said it makes for a fun sport to be a part of.

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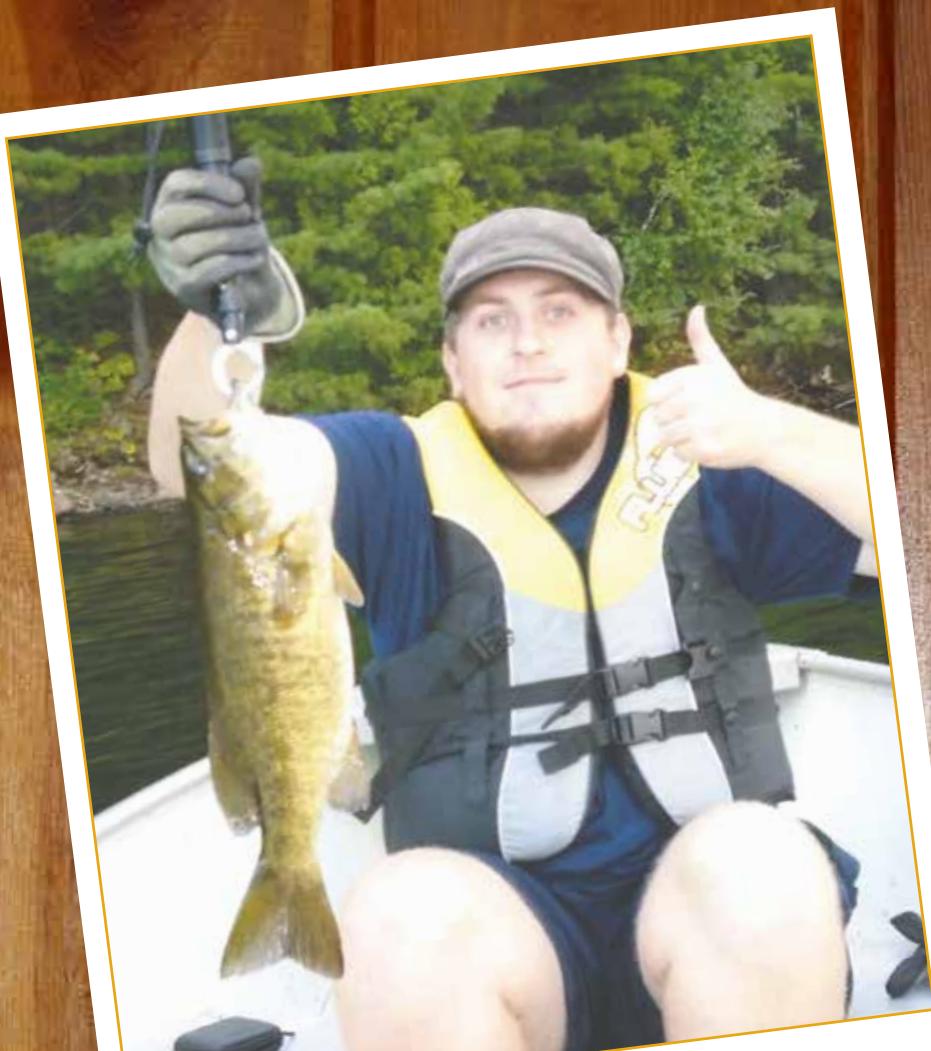
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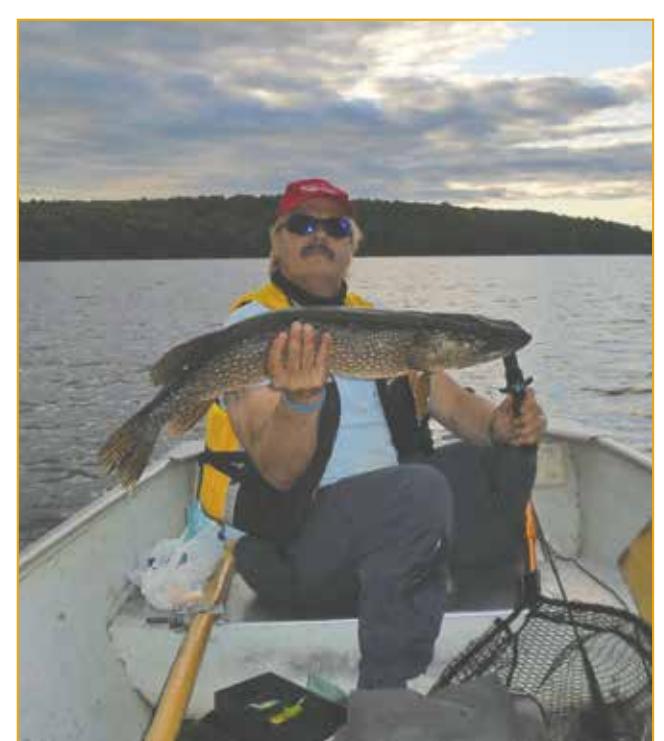
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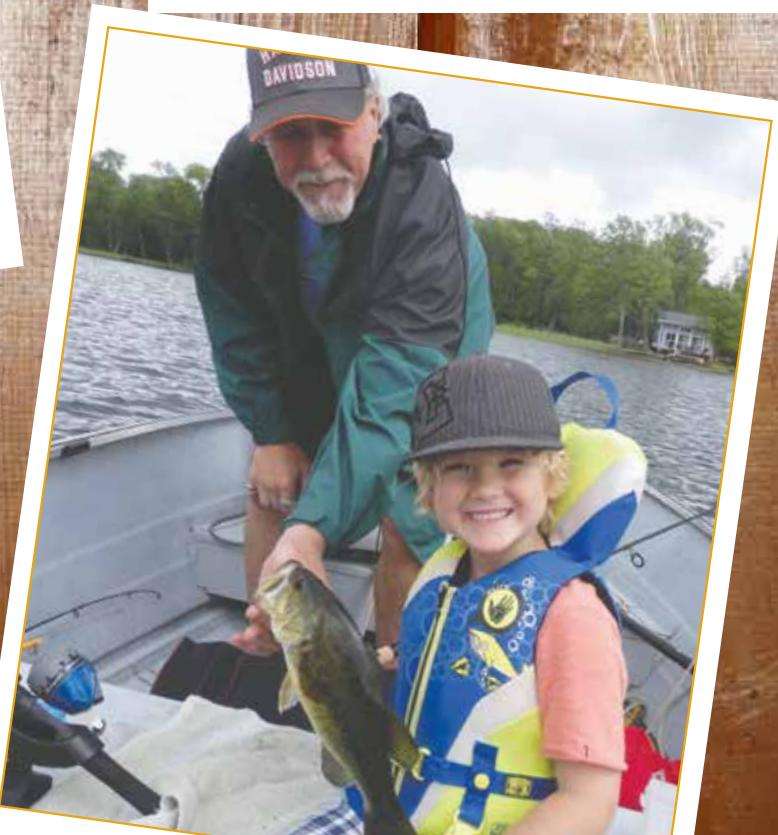
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Top: The Alan Doyle Trio played Bone Lake Amphitheatre as the sun sets behind them. Left: A soaked Sarah Harmer takes the stage. Right: Concertgoers clap along with Alan Doyle.

Forest Festival experience a hit despite rain

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Despite having to move a sold-out show from one venue to another due to a thunderstorm, this year's installment of The Forest Festival is generating positive reviews.

"I think, overall, things went really, really smoothly," said festival general manager Lesley English. "We've got a great team in place with really key people doing super jobs."

That team included several volunteers and staff at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

The five-day event, which ran from

Aug. 12-16, featured performances from Whitehorse, Michael Occhipinti and Shine On, Sarah Harmer, Red Hot Ramble, Oh Susanna, James Funnyhat, Melissa Bel, and Alan Doyle Trio. The concerts were held at one of two venues: Haliburton Forest's Historic Logging Museum and the outdoor Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

The sold-out Harmer concert was scheduled to take place at the amphitheatre on Aug. 14. However, one hour before its start time a decision was made to move it indoors because of the weather, which included heavy rain, thunder and lightning.

"When you're doing an outdoor venue

like this, we don't just look at one source for weather predictions. I follow a couple of weather networks," said English, pointing out that Environment Canada's local monitoring station is in Bancroft.

"Sometimes those predictions can be quite different for our area."

English said the storm moved in very quickly, although reports indicated that a thunderstorm wasn't expected to arrive until 10 p.m. that night.

Rain forced organizers to move the Aug. 15 Oh Susanna concert to the museum as well.

While English couldn't confirm the overall attendance for the festival, nearly 1,300 tickets

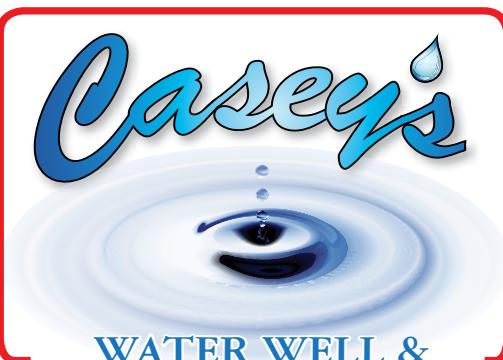
were sold for the concerts featuring Harmer and Doyle. The festival's opening concert with Whitehorse was also sold out.

Although no plans have been confirmed for next year, English said that many ideas are already floating around to make the 10th anniversary special.

"We're tossing around a lot of ideas, everything from doing the best of the best — the Forest Festival's greatest hits, so to speak — or even throwing it open to our fans to see 'who would you like to see at The Forest Festival?'" she said.

The lineup for next season will be announced in April.

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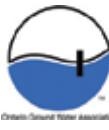
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Sharon Lafleche with Gryphon, her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.

A woofin' good time

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

Editor

The weather cooperated for this year's annual Cottage Country Dog Festival, and as a result the turnout was great, too.

"It went wonderfully, especially considering the scorching heat," said organizer Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours. "We had between 800-1,000 people there."

The festival took place in Head Lake Park on Aug. 15. The air dog contest was a huge hit, bringing in 65 competitors this year which is almost double that of last year.

"The air dog organizers were thrilled and say our event is becoming loved by their competitors," said McCready.

Also on display were the agility dogs, though their demonstrations were cut short due to the heat. McCready said they received 11 entries for the pet competition, which included best costume and tricks.

"We are already busy planning for next

year's event as long as Dysart thinks the festival is a good fit for the park," she said. "Several folks stepped forward from the event and have offered to help us grow it to the potential we see, which is so exciting."

She plans on adding agility and disc competitions, and increase the number of presentations and demonstrations in the bandshell around training, health, grooming and other topics of interest to dog owners.

"We would like to make it at two-day event to maximize the people who can attend and to greater impact the local economy with competitors staying longer and hopefully more tourists coming to town for the event."

McCready thanked the event's sponsors, including the Pinestone Resort, The Highlander, Parker Pad & Printing, and Dysart et al.

"It is wonderful to know we are drawing tourists to Haliburton for just this festival and to see people having a great time with their dogs," she said.

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Top: Cleo retrieves her toy from the pool after leaping from a dock. Left: Calypso takes to the air in the Ultimate Air Dogs competition. Right: The second annual Cottage Country Dog Festival was a family affair. Dan Steele, wife Cara and daughter Emery enjoyed the day with the family's dog, Murphie.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

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Exterior finishing company PETRINI CONSTRUCTION is looking for reliable installers. Must be willing to work without supervision, be self-motivated, pay good attention to detail and provide own transportation. Please contact 705-457-2754. (TFN)

ANNOUNCEMENT

IS KIBBLE KILLING YOUR CAT? To find the answer go to [\(AU20\)](http://www.catinfo.org)

EVENTS

DRUMS AND PERCUSSION instruments. Make your own at Visible Voices Open Arts Studio in Haliburton. Thursday August 20, Friday August 21, Samples and more info at Rails End Gallery or go to [\(AU20\)](http://www.earthtonesstudio.org/workshops)

FIRST AID – Standard with CPR “C” August 27 & 28 Fleming College – Haliburton Campus Call 705-457-1680 to Register (AU20)

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
Public Works Department

Employment Opportunity MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting applications for a permanent full-time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard). The preferred applicant will possess a general knowledge of plumbing, electrical, heating and maintenance duties to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

The successful applicant must have a clean driver's abstract along with a proven ability to operate small equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters, lawn tractors, chainsaw, snow blower etc. WHMIS and chainsaw certifications are preferred.

Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

Salary Range: \$20.79 - \$23.40/hr for a 40 hour work week

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Visit our website at: www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your cover letter and résumé in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 02, 2015 to:

Mike Thomas, CRS-I
Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
P: 705-489-2379

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FOR SALE



FORM 6
Municipal Act, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 3, 2015, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 46 24 012 000 39600 0000; 17 Sunnyside Street aka Maple Avenue, Haliburton; PIN 39177-0007(LT); Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 1 Dysart, United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eye and Clyde; File No. 14-08

Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,254.16

Roll No. 46 24 030 000 40805 0000; PIN 39157-0107(LT); Part Lot 21 Concession 4 Harcourt as in H71718 S & E of Part 4 Plan 19R1004; Dysart et al; File No. 14-21

Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,644.83

Roll No. 46 24 030 000 61410 0000; PIN 39155-0302(LT); Part Lot 27 Concession 10 Harcourt as in H154966 SW of York River; Dysart et al Except forfeited Mining Rights, if any; File No. 14-22

Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,739.19

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the Municipality of Dysart et al and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender visit www.dysartetal.ca or if no internet available contact:

Cindy Watson
Tax Collector
The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
PO Box 389
135 Maple Avenue
Haliburton ON K0M 1S0
705-457-1740 Ext. 30

Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 am. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room. (TFN)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

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NOTICES

This is to notify Jennifer Baker that the contents she has stored in a rental unit at John E. Francis Fuels 11495 Hwy 35, Minden ON will be disposed of at her expense if we are not contacted by September 11, 2015. Please contact John E. Francis Fuels at 705-286-2738. (AU20)

This is to notify Dr. Rene Boljkovac that the contents he/she has stored in a rental unit at John E. Francis Fuels 11495 Hwy 35, Minden ON will be disposed of at his/her expense if we are not contacted by September 11, 2015. Please contact John E. Francis Fuels at 705-286-2738 (AU20)

YARD SALE

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EVENTS

TheHighlander

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Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a **Deputy Treasurer**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Deputy Treasurer. Reporting to the Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer is responsible for various financial functions of the Township including but not limited to, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Payroll. The Deputy Treasurer assists the Treasurer with the execution of the statutory duties of the Treasurer regarding the financial management of the Township as defined in the Municipal Act, and various other Acts.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Post-Secondary education, with a discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience;
- Successful completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course(s);
- Successful completion of the Municipal Administration Program is preferred;
- Minimum of three (3) years of previous municipal experience and solid understanding of local government finances;
- Working knowledge of Municipal taxation;
- Strong knowledge of generally-accepted accounting principles;
- Current working knowledge of payroll regulations included in the Employment Standards Act and other applicable law;
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical and communication skills.
- Proficiency in the Office Suite of products or equivalent, as well as Township-specific programs.

Salary Range: \$25.35 – \$28.53/hour (35 hours/week)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Visit our website at: www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015 to:

Tammy McKelvey, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
P: 705-489-2379 Ext. 228
E: tmckelvey@algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca

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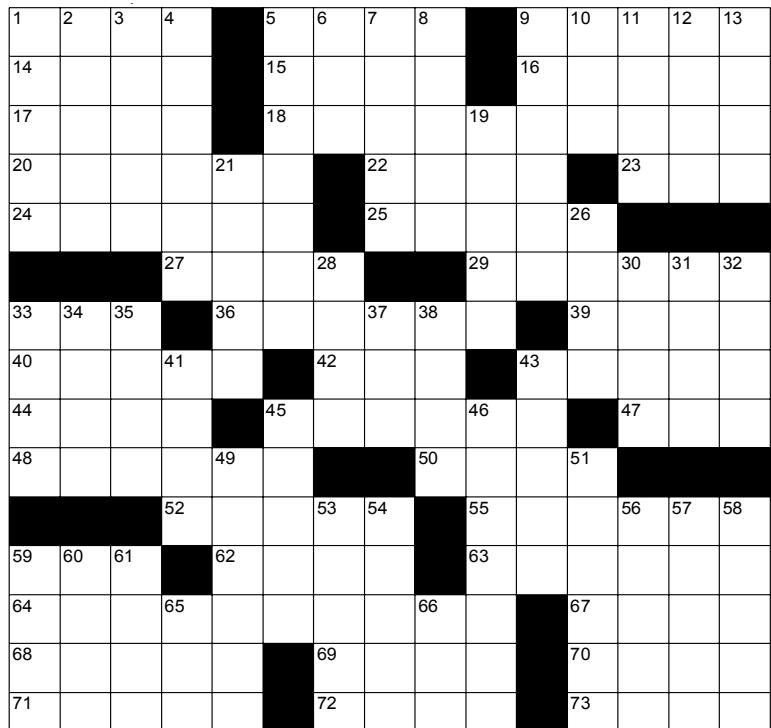
Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE



Head Lake Public Boat Launch and Docks
Please be advised that the Head Lake Public Boat Launch and docks will be closed from **Friday, August 21 – Sunday, August 23, 2015** to support the Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races. Event set up will begin at 7 am Friday morning. Boats can be launched free of charge at RPM (5122 County Road 21) during this time frame. Thank you for your cooperation.

Highlander events



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 23. That gal
 24. Adjusts again
 25. Muzzle
 27. Rod's companion
 29. Less messy
 33. Name
 36. House-selling business
 39. King's title
 40. Kitchen garment

42. Itinerary word
 43. Yarn unit
 44. Warty amphibian
 45. Zany
 47. Blushing
 48. Soft wool
 50. Fail to include
 52. Leases
 55. Deletes
 59. City railways
 62. Winter garment
 63. Snuggle
 64. Country of origin
 67. Settee
 68. Climbing plants
 69. Crossword hint
 70. Immoral
 71. Shore birds
 72. Broadcast
 73. Telescope glass

DOWN

1. Root for
 2. Actress ____ Berry
 3. Book of maps
 4. The Grim ____
 5. Predict
 6. Presidential nickname
 7. Jungle sounds
 8. Cantaloupe, e.g.
 9. Disposable hankie
 10. Social insect
 11. Uninspired
 12. Past due
 13. Wide-mouthed pitcher
 19. Dark wood
 21. Ship's rear
 26. Assigned job
 28. Volcanic flow
 30. Layer
 31. Albany's canal
 32. Tear apart

33. Facts
 34. On top of
 35. Boast
 37. Cover
 38. Mexican treat
 41. Perfume
 43. Church tower
 45. Feudal estate
 46. Altered
 49. School playtime
 51. Hanging ornament
 53. Bath powders
 54. Like old bread
 56. Range
 57. Like Santa's helpers
 58. Embossed emblems
 59. Discharge
 60. Deep affection
 61. Bustle
 65. Female fowl
 66. Cloistered one

AUGUST 2015 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Vibe Summer Day Camp - 1:30 pm-4:30 pm - Minden United Church - \$5/afternoon, \$20/week	Vibe Summer Day Camp - 1:30 pm-4:30 pm - Minden United Church - \$5/afternoon, \$20/week	RPM Haliburton Outboard PowerBoat Races - Head Lake Park - Free	RPM Haliburton Outboard PowerBoat Races - Head Lake Park - Free
Dorset Day Camp - Dorset Rec Centre - 8:30 am-4:30 pm - Cost Vary	Dorset Day Camp - Dorset Rec Centre - 8:30 am-4:30 pm - Cost Vary	Haliburton County Farmers' Market Minden - Municipal Parking Lot - 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Highlands East Studio Tour - Wilberforce, Tory Hill, Gooderham, Paudash, Irondale
Fitness at Five - Head Lake Band Shell - 5:00 pm-6:00 pm	RPM Haliburton Outboard PowerBoat Races - Head Lake Park - Free	Annual HATVA Poker Run - Wilberforce Curling Club - Cost Vary	Dragon Boat Practice - Patient News Publishing Docks - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - \$15
Shout Sister Choir Haliburton - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm - Haliburton United Church	Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Carnarvon - Corner of Hwy 118 & 35 - 12pm-4pm	8th Annual Garlic Fest - 1123 North Shore Road - 9:00 am-3:00 pm - Free Admission	Public Skating - A.J. LaRue Arena - 11:00 am-12:30 pm - \$2

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Dorset Pickleball - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45 pm-8:45 pm	West Guilford Community Centre - 7:00pm - Euchre. All welcome	Dorset Yoga with Ingrid Bittner - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30 am-12:00 pm	Fitness at Five - Head Lake Band Shell - 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Haliburton Pick-up T-ball - Head Lake Park - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm - Free	Sculpture Forest Special Guided Tour - Sculpture Forest - 10:00 am - Donations accepted	Dorset African Hand Drumming - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:00 am	Shout Sister Choir Haliburton - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm - Haliburton United Church - All are welcome
30 Minute Lunchtime tours of the Sculpture Forest - Sculpture Forest - 12:10 pm - Donations accepted	Dorset Craft Connections - Dorset Rec Centre - 9:30 am-11:30 am	Dorset Family Movie Nights - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:30 pm-8:30 pm	
	Haliburton Farmer's Market - Head Lake Park - 12:00 am-4:00 pm		

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION AUG. 20 - AUG. 26

Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Legion Week Ontario - Sept. 20-26 John Briggs dart tournament, Sept. 26 10 a.m. start. \$60 per team, \$1,000 payout	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. General meeting, first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant	Golf tournament, Sept. 15, four-person best ball, \$50pp inc. cart Junk in the Trunk sale, Sept. 19, 9-1 p.m., Reserve sport for \$15 Mindens Cemetery Decoration Day, Sept. 19 Wilberforce Branch Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 6-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Long weekend horseshoe tourney, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. start. \$10 pp
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EVENT LISTINGS AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 13

HATVA/WILBERFORCE CURLING CLUB POKER RUN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
WILBERFORCE CURLING CLUB

Come ride the 110 kilometres of mapped trails in Highlands East and support the curling club and its children's programs. Enjoy a day-long ride (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) with supervising trail guides on a trail system that is suitable for all levels of riders.

The event will be hosted at the Wilberforce Curling Club.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., a hot breakfast is served from 7:30-8:45 a.m. and the ride begins at 9 a.m. Bring your own lunch and a hot dinner will follow the ride beginning around 5 p.m.

HATVA will waive the trail pass for this event, side by side and two-ups are also allowed at a cost of \$70 per ATV plus \$15 for additional riders. Advance notification is recommended to ensure adequate space and food is available. For more information, call Darrell at (705) 447-0197 or email: wilberforcecurling@gmail.com

DOORS OPEN IN HIGHLANDS EAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-13
ACROSS HIGHLANDS EAST

Celebrate the heritage of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham.

For further information and a complete list of participating sites and local maps please visit <http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Highlands-East.aspx>

YOUTH DANCE IN CARDIFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 FROM 7-10 P.M.
CARDIFF COMMUNITY CENTRE, CARDIFF

\$5/youth ages 6-15

Canteen available, door prizes.

For more information call Steve at 613-339-2333

IRONDALE MINE TOUR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 FROM 1-4 P.M.
IRONDALE CHURCH

\$10 per person, meet at Irondale's Church at 1pm – bring comfortable walking shoes and umbrella. Rain or shine. Refreshments served after tour.

PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL ART SALE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 NOON TO 4 P.M.
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Come out and browse local art painted here in Highlands East. View and purchase art from various artists that have participated in the Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival.

HIGHLANDS EAST PLEIN AIR ARTS FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-13
ACROSS HIGHLANDS EAST

The Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival runs Sept. 10-13. An exhibition of works will take place Sunday, September 13 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

For more information or if you are interested in joining the festival please visit: <http://highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com>



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Top: Beaujana Simpson rides her horse, Donkey, hard through the barrel course. Above: Sister and brother Cassidy and Dakota Mahler enjoyed some cotton candy while at the fair.

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Haliburton County Fair



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Haliburton County Fair a country good time for all

The weather was beautiful for the annual Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Aug. 14-15. The fair hosted kids' events, as well as agriculture displays and competitions. Pictured top: Sam Forrest, 11, tries to run as far as he can down the runway while tethered with a bungee cord. Above left: Iris, the jersey cow, travels to every local fair. She made another appearance at the annual Haliburton County Fair and, as always, was a popular attraction. Above right: Captain Corbin put on a magic show for some of the younger fairgoers.

What's on



Festival of the August Moon

Saturday, August 29, 2015

On the lawn at Wild Swan B&B Inn, 65 Invergordon Ave, Minden

Ongoing from 3:00pm to 7:45pm

Japanese Lantern Painting, Children's Games, Folk Tales, Face Painting, Origami, Tea Ceremony, Flower Arranging & Japanese Food

Performances by Noriko Yamamoto

4:00pm - 4:30pm Silent Storytelling

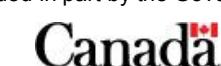
6:00pm - 6:15pm Mime/Dance

Traditional Japanese Dancing 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Lantern Launching Ceremony on the Gull River

starts just before sunset (sunset at 7:46)

The Festival of the August Moon & DH³ are part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative



Festival Eve Performance

Friday, August 28, 2015, 7:30pm

Noriko Yamamoto

Dance/Mime/ Silent Storytelling

Nature's Place, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Tickets: \$15 Adults,

\$10 children/students

Tickets at Organic Times

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Federal Election

All Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM

The Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre

All four major party candidates have confirmed their participation:

Jamie Schmale – Conservative Party of Canada

William MacCallum – Green Party of Canada

David Marquis – Liberal Party of Canada

Mike Perry – New Democratic Party

There will be time before and after the meeting to meet the candidates. For those who are unable to attend, the meeting will be streamed live on HighlanderTV and archived at TheHighlander.ca for later viewing.

Send your questions and issues you'd like to see discussed to matthew@thehighlander.ca.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2015-16

Dates Tuesday, Sept 1st, 2015-Last Names A-F

2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – closed 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, Sept 2nd, 2015-Last Names G-N

2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – closed 4:30-5:30

Thursday, Sept 3rd, 2015-Last Names O-Z

2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – closed 4:30-5:30

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

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\$50 – 1 sport / \$80 – 2 sports / \$100 – 3 or more sports

Payment of \$50 at registration is encouraged (refundable by June 20th, 2016 on request if a non-participant)

- This fee covers participation in Hal High sports
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- Covers Athletic Banquet dinner and awards costs
- Uniforms and equipment are provided on most teams

Financial Assistance is available. Go to www.kidsortcanada.com for details/application

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting, if necessary.

Everyone is welcome.

Parent Nomination Forms may be picked up during Registration Week.

SEMESTER 1 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2015

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What's on



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ATVers took to the trails in last year's HATVA/Wilberforce Curling Club poker run. This year's event happens on Aug. 22.

Hitting the trails in Highlands East

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Pre-registration shows there are already more ATVs registered for the third annual Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) poker run than last year's successful event.

Hosted by the Wilberforce Curling Club, the event on Aug. 22 intends to raise funds for a children's school program run at the curling club.

The Wilberforce Elementary School doesn't have an indoor gym, so during the winter months, the curling club steps in to offer a junior curling program. The program teaches the fundamentals of curling, and helps the students keep active. The annual poker run helps cover the cost to maintain the ice for the program, as well as help purchase equipment.

"The only thing the children need to provide is clean running shoes," said

the curling club's vice-president, Darrell McQuigge.

McQuigge said the program has been very successful, and next year the club aims to start a junior competitive curling team for the older students who are asking for a chance to play.

Doors at the Wilberforce Curling Club open at 7 a.m. for registration and hot breakfast is served from 7:30-8:45 a.m. From there, guides provided by HATVA

will lead ATV riders on a 100-kilometre tour through Highlands East. A hot roast beef dinner awaits the riders when they return, as does a prize table and cash prizes.

The entry fee is \$70 per ATV, and \$15 for additional riders.

This year's event will see riders from across Ontario, including Pembroke, London and Windsor, taking part.

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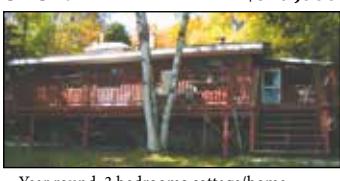
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